

Editorials

What Will The New Year Bring?

Organized labor bids Aden to the year 1934 with a cordial smile, but with little regret at its passing. On the whole, some sound progress was made during the year by the people of the United States.

The New Year may be greeted with estranged smiles and enthusiastic hope by all who toil.

The year 1933 can be a most helpful year, indeed a memorable year, for the country and particularly for the common people. That notable history will actually be made during this year appears reasonably certain. Whether action is dominated by interests inimical to the common welfare, or follows the constructive industrial and social progress advocated by President Roosevelt and supported by the American Federation of Labor, can only be a matter of conjecture at this time.

Industrial progress, as represented by the unquestioned right of workers to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, for example, may be firmly established by law and in fact during this year. Social security, as represented by unemployment insurance and old-age pensions, for example, may receive such impetus this year as to become a blessed assurance for this and future generations.

The great American labor movement, as represented by the American Federation of Labor, greets the New Year not only hopefully but prepared to do its full duty in aiding to bring about the industrial progress and the social security that all truly progressive people believe essential to the common welfare in this modern age.

Big Business Sets Its Terms

The recent series of statements issued by representatives of American big business, suggesting that business is at last ready to "cooperate" with the Government and possibly labor, is most unfortunately not necessarily, as suggested by labor, evidence of the great change in attitude.

There have been many opportunities for big business to cooperate, but the chief energy of such organizations as the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Industrial Conference Board, has apparently been expended in fighting Section 7-A and other measures designed to protect the rights of workers.

New big business comes forth with a set of recommendations adopted at the White Sulphur Springs conference and urges only action favoring big business. In effect, it says to President Roosevelt: "If you will sack the New Deal and deny workers all their rights, we might consent to cooperate."

When we are extended a friendly salute with one hand and a sock in the jaw with the other, it is just possible that the "cooperation" involved may be regarded as coincidental, figuratively speaking, of course.

However, there are indeed many sane and progressive business leaders throughout the country. Organized labor of America is still hopeful that their views would prevail, for their own good and for the good of all.

ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF PROCEDURE IN NRA COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT

Normal Cases To Go Through Regular Routine; Conferences Decide Difficulties

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—A joint statement of policy governing compliance with the National Industrial Recovery Act, issued by the National Labor Relations Board, which has been made public for some time, has been made public by the National Labor Relations Board.

The statement outlines the procedure in cases where the National Labor Relations Board has found a violation of the act, or where the employer desires to regain compliance with the act.

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PLANS PROGRESSING FOR BALD HONORING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

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SEATTLE GETS FIRST LOCAL NRA CODE FOR CLEANING INDUSTRY

By A. F. L. News Service.

Seattle, Wash.—The first local NRA code of trade practices for the cleaning and dyeing industry to be approved by President Roosevelt's National Industrial Conference Board, was announced today.

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NRA Adopts Co-operative Plan To Secure Better Administration

D. M. Nelson, New Code Administration Director, Opens Regional Offices, With Trained Staffs.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—Determined that the public interest may be adequately represented, a trained full-time staff of Administration members of the several national code authorities is being placed in the field.

While devoted to administration of all provisions of all codes, the new staff, it is believed, will materially aid enforcement, while the A. F. L. has decided to be of vital importance to recovery.

At the same time, regional offices for code administration were authorized by the National Industrial Conference Board.

PROGRESS OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY TOLD BY ABLE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Miss Mary Anderson Says Women's Bureau Has Lead Way in Building Up Standards and Policies.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Chicago, Ill.—Not to drive women workers out of the factory, but to make them a better member of the industrial team, is the aim of the Government's Women's Bureau, according to Miss Mary Anderson, its director.

During the 16 years of its existence the Bureau has led the way in building up standards and policies for the women of the thousands of factory and office workers, to shorten their hours of labor, to improve their conditions, and to increase their efficiency.

RICHBURG POINTS TO LESSON OF DISASTER IN URGING PROGRESS

Washington—In an address delivered before the Washington Board of Trade, with Secretary Frank Merriam, of the A. F. L., present on the speakers' platform, was Charles C. Richburg, executive director of the National Emergency Council, called business to heed the lesson of "intelligent prosperity" from 1921 to 1929.

Richburg, who spoke at the annual meeting of the board, said that the country's progress had been hindered by the failure to learn from the lessons of the past.

Housing Program Showing Progress

All Geographical Divisions of Commerce, Industry and Commerce Recent A. F. L. of L. Report.

Washington.—A report submitted by the American Federation of Labor, concerning an increase in building activities throughout the country, is confirmed in an official release by the Federal Housing Administration.

The report states that building activities have increased in all geographical divisions of the country, and that the housing program is showing progress.

NECKWEAR AND SCARF INDUSTRY GETS CODE

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—Approval of the code of fair competition for the neckwear and scarf industry, reporting estimated sales of \$25,000,000 for 1934, was announced by the NRA.

The code, which was drafted by the industry, covers the industry's trade practices and is the first of its kind in the industry.

RYE PATCH DAM CONTRACT IS LET

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—The Interior Department has announced the award of a contract for the Rye Patch Dam, located in the State of New York.

The contract, which was awarded to the Rye Patch Dam Construction Company, covers the construction of the dam and the associated infrastructure.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK BEST SINCE 1931

Business Statistics Firm Issues Optimistic Outlook, But Is Conservative On Labor Matters.

By A. F. L. News Service.

New York—In its weekly summary of the general business situation, the Standard Statistics Company of New York, currently comments as follows:

"The new year will open with the outlook for business relatively the most favorable since 1931. Conditions have definitely improved during the past several months, business men and Government officials are manifesting a growing confidence of the future. Inflation has been largely repressed, and the profit incentive has been largely restored."

BASIC CODE PROPOSED FOR SEWING INDUSTRIES

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—A plan to consolidate codes for six needlework industries and to include also in a basic code other needlework groups which have never operated under any code, will be discussed at a public hearing, to be held Friday, January 4, 1935, in the Raleigh Hotel, Washington.

The proposed basic code would be for the light sewing industry, except curtains. The existing code for that industry is not considered as adequate, and the new code would include the most common needlework industries, including drapery, bedspreads and novelty pillow industry, and the sewing machine industry.

FARMERS PAYING LOANS; FAIR POLICIES URGED

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—W. L. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, told the presidents of the 13 Federal Farm Loan Banks at a meeting here today that the banks should continue to pay the farmers' loans, and that the banks should continue to pay the farmers' loans.

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FIVE RETAIL JEWELRY CODE CHANGES OFFERED

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—Five amendments to the retail jewelry trade code, covering the retail jewelry trade, were offered today by the National Industrial Conference Board.

The amendments, which were drafted by the industry, cover the industry's trade practices and are the first of their kind in the industry.

NRA APPROVES PERSONNEL OF CIGAR LABOR BOARD

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—The National Industrial Recovery Board has approved the personnel of the Cigar Labor Board, which was established to regulate the cigar industry.

The board, which was established by the NRA, will be responsible for the enforcement of the code of fair competition for the cigar industry.

LOSERS BLUE EAGLE

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington—The National Industrial Recovery Board has announced the results of the Blue Eagle campaign, which was conducted to encourage the use of the Blue Eagle symbol.

The board, which was established by the NRA, has announced that the campaign has been successful, and that the use of the Blue Eagle symbol has increased significantly.

President Green Urges Sound Old Age Pension Legislation

29 STATES HAVE OLD-AGE PENSIONS

Elders Adopt Statement During Past Two Years; Many Too Stringent; Federal Aid Desirable.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Chicago—An interesting survey of old-age pension legislation, released today by the American Federation of Labor, shows that 29 states have some kind of legislation on the books.

The survey, which was conducted by the AFL, shows that the legislation in the 29 states is of varying quality, and that many of the laws are too stringent.

WOMEN'S PLAN AND Similar Schemes of Fantastic Nature Are Believed Injurious to Practical Progress

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington.—In discussing the American Federation of Labor's endorsement of old-age pension legislation, President William Green pointed out that the plan is not a "fantasy" and is not a "scheme of fantastic nature."

Green, who spoke at a press conference, said that the plan is a practical measure, and that it is one of the most important steps that can be taken to provide for the old.

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